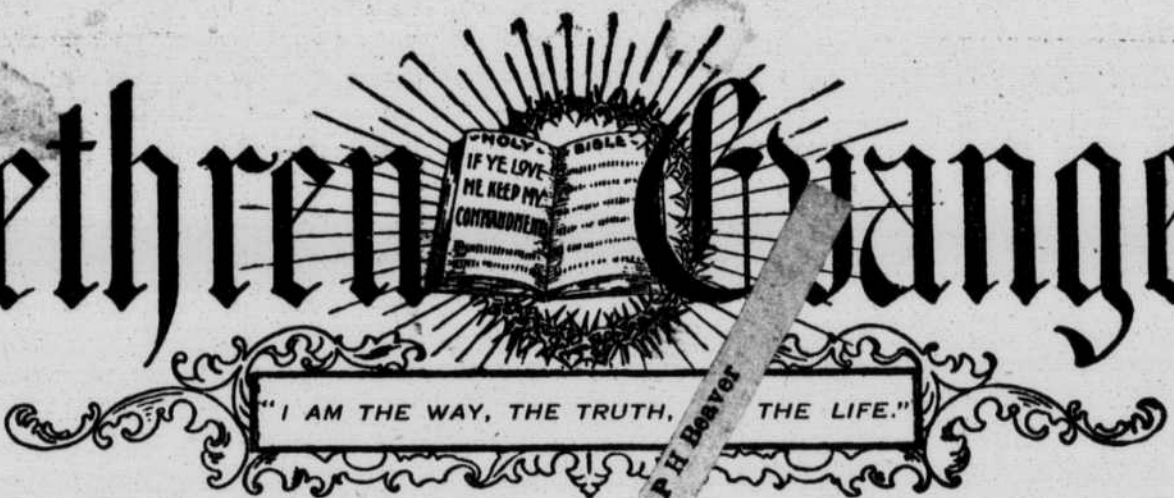


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REPORTS from all over the brotherhood show that the church is making very commendable progress. There seems to be a revival all along the line. The additions to the church since October 1, 1896, have been unusually large, and we have reasons to be encouraged with the outlook. Let the good work go on. Great and effectual doors are opening to the Brethren Church, and we should be thoroughly awake to this our day of opportunity.

ARE there any members in your congregation who are too poor to take the paper? If so, the congregation can do a very practical service by getting the paper for them. You cannot invest a dollar to any better advantage.

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OUR stock of Quarterlies for first quarter 1897 is entirely exhausted. One or two orders for Brethren Quarterlies were filled with Youths, but these too have all been sold. The number of Quarterlies required for the different quarters in the year varies so much that it is exceedingly difficult to determine the exact number. The object is to have enough to fill all orders and yet not have too many left. This quarter we printed about 1,000 copies more than were printed for the same quarter last year. Yet last year we had about 500 copies left, and now with 1,000 copies more we do not have quite enough. Perhaps Bro. Yoder's appeal to the schools to keep open the entire year is having its effect.

ALL orders for the Annual up to date have been filled. We still have a good many on hand and can fill orders promptly. Do not fail to get one of these books; it is worth five times its price as a book of reference. Secure a copy and file it. It will be good, not only for this year, but for years to come.

SINCE adopting the cash system we have been interested in what other Publishing Houses think and say about the cash system and what their experience has been. Mr. John Dodds, in the *Religious Telescope*, gives an itemized statement of the account of the United Brethren Publishing House with forty of its conferences. Here is what he says: "The amount due the Publishing House from only the ministers of forty conferences belonging to our church foots up \$31,471.48, and the amount collected, as stated, was \$11,420.06, leaving a balance due of \$20,051.42. Besides these items, an additional amount of almost \$20,000 is on the books of the Publishing House, representing open accounts with the Sunday-schools of the church. Can you show me a business man who could conduct a successful business and make money with such collections as these? It virtually makes the establishment a bank to borrow money and loan it out to A, B, and C all over the denomination. This money the House not only does not get the use of, but pays interest on, and that interest is simply a loss to the members of the church. How much easier it would be for each one who is in debt to the establishment to borrow whatever the amount of his indebtedness may be, and send it in, than for the office to have to borrow a large sum and pay interest on it? You certainly will agree with me in saying that the only remedy for all this is the cash system. Some of our merchants in this city have tried it in the recent past, and it has worked admirably. True, it was prophesied that they could not do business, but they are all flourishing, which proves that it can be made a success."